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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** The Director of Central Intelligence

**FROM:** Esq. Director (Intelligence)

**SUBJECT:** Unidentified Flying Objects

**REFERENCE:** Request of the Director of 10 December 1952

1. The following is a summary of the current situation with respect to the investigation of unidentified flying objects. Recent incidents include:

- a. Novica of ten (10) unidentified flying objects (explained on the basis of natural phenomena or known types of aircraft), near Tucuman, Utah, on 2 July 1952.
- b. A very brilliant unidentified light over the coast of Maine for about four hours on the night of 10-11 October at a height computed to be two or three times that which can be sustained by any known device.
- c. Alleged contact with a device on the ground in Florida into this summer which left some presently unexplained after-effects.
- d. Numerous other sightings of lights or objects which either in configuration or performance do not resemble any known aerial vehicle or explainable natural phenomena.

2. In furtherance of the IAC action on 4 December, O/CI has been working with Dr. H. P. Harwood, consultant (former Director of Research, USAF), toward establishing a panel of top scientists and engineers in the fields of astrophysics, nuclear energy, electronics, etc., to review this situation. Wholehearted cooperation has been secured by DI/USAF and AFIS, and a visit by AF/CI, Dr. Robertson, and Mr. Durant of CI to AFIS is planned for Friday. It is hoped to organize the panel and undertake substantial scientific review of this subject within the next two to three weeks.

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